ത്തപ്പോൾ, മുമ്പിലത്തെ കൺട്രാക്ടരുടെ കീഴിൽ ജോലിചെയ്തിരുന്ന ആളുകളെ മുഴവനും ജോലിക്കെടുക്കുവാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. ഡിസംബർ ഒന്നാംതിയ്യതിയോടുകൂടി കൺട്രാക്ടരുടെ കാലാവധി അവസാനിച്ചപ്പോൾ, അതു് ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് ഏറെറടുത്തു് നടത്തുവാൻ തീർച്ചയാക്കി. അങ്ങിനെ വന്നപ്പോൾ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിലേക്കു് ആവശ്യമുള്ള ആളുകളെ അതിൽ നിന്നു തന്നെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തു. ഇനിയും ആവശ്യംവരുന്ന ആളുകളെ അതിൽനിന്നുതന്നെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കാമെന്നും അഷ്വറൻസ്സു് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

Mr. President: I will make a decision later on.

Now the next adjournment motion is from Mr. Dewer to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance to wit the serious food situation in the country. Has Mr. Dewer anything to say that it is a matter of urgent public importance?

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Yes, the ration has been reduced to 4 ozs. now and the future is also very gloomy because of the want of food in the country. It is a very important question.

Mr. President: I suppose that the Hon'ble member thinks that it is a recent occurrence.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* It is a recent occurrence, because the order of reducing the ration to 4 ozs. is very recent and a similar motion has been discussed as an adjournment motion in the last Council by Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.

Mr. President: Has the Government to say anything about it?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Government do not find any reason to oppose it.

Mr. President: It is in order and therefore I will read the motion.

"Under Rule 21 of the Legislative Council Rules I move that the business of the House be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance to wit the serious food situation in the country." I think the Hon'ble member has the leave of the House. With regard to the time, we shall fix it as 3-30 p.m. to-morrow.

Mr. S. S. Koder *(Nomiated):* I would like to know about the decision on my adjournment motion.

Mr. President: It will be announced later.

5. DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

1. "17—7-Publicity Miscellaneous"

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Prime Minister):* Sir, I move that an additional allotment of Rs. 1001 under "17—7-Publicity, etc. Miscellaneous" be granted.

This is for the purchase of 6 tyres and 6 tubes from the Dunlop Rubber Company(India) Ltd., at a cost of Rs. 1000-14-0. The purchase was sanctioned last year when funds were available but by the time the purchase was effected the year was out, and the amount lapsed. Provision has not been made in the current year's budget for the above purpose. Hence an additional allotment of Rs 1001 is necessary under "17—7-Publicity, etc., Miscellaneous".

Mr. President: The question is that Government be granted an additional allotment of Rs. 1001 under "17—7-Pubicity, etc., Miscellaneous".

Demand put and carried

2. "30—A-Civil Engineering"—by transfer from "B. 1. 9/23".

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Prime Minister):* Sir, I rise to move for a sum of Re. 1 under "30—A-Civil Engineering" by transfer from 'B. 1. 9/23".

The Branch Anchal Office at Karuvannur is held in a room of building No. 92 on a monthly rent of Rs. 2 per mensem. The office room is only 8' 3" x 9' in size. This accommodation is found to be insufficient. It is therefore proposed to shift the branch Anchal office to the Village Office building after effecting certain improvements. The estimated cost of the work is Rs. 155 and the ultimate cost calculating a tender excess of 227½ per cent will be Rs. 515. The work is essential and there is no provision in the budget for the work. It is therefore proposed to transfer Re. 1 from B. 1. 9 widening the Vaniampara Road towards this work. I request that the transfer may be sanctioned.

Mr. President: The question is that Government be grnted an additional allotment of Rs. 515 by transfer from B. 1. 9/23 under "30—A-Civil Engineering".

Demand put and carried

3. "22—Miscellaneous (a) Refund of Lapsed Deposits and R. T. Rs. (Cranganur)"

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Prime Minister):* Sir, I rise to move a supplementary demand of Rs. 500 under "22—Miscellaneous (a) Refund of Lapsed Deposits and R. T. Rs. Cranganur)".

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[Rao Bahadur T. K. Nair]

An application for refund of lapsed deposit for Rs. 505 has been received from the District Munsiff, Cranganur. There is only an allotment of Rs. 50 under "22—Miscellaneous (a) Refund of Lapsed deposits and R. T. Rs" in the current year's budget. An additional amount of Rs. 455 or 500 in round figures has therefore become necessary to pass the refund bill in question. There is not also sufficient balance for transfer from any other head. I request that this allotment may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

4. "10—Excise—Refunds"

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Revenue):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 12,000 under "10—Excise-refunds".

The duty on salt manufactured in or imported into this State was abolished with effect from 1st Medam 1122 (14th April 1947). A refund of duty paid on stocks of salt of and above 2 mds. held on the 1st Medam 1122 or in transit on that date was also sanctioned.

There was a general complaint that the selling price of salt in the Chittur Taluk is very high when compared with the selling prices in other taluks. Therefore to enable the people in Chittur to get salt at about the same price as elsewhere in the State a rebate of annas 8 for a bag of salt (2 mds.) taken to Chittur was also sanctioned.

Applications for refund of duty for an aggregate total of nearly Rs. 8000 have been received so far. Based on previous year's consumption nearly Rs. 4.000 will be required for payment of rebate to the merchants in Chittur Taluk. Thus a sum of Rs. 12,000 is required on this account. As the expenditure is one which could not be foreseen and provided for in the budget for the current year an additional allotment of Rs. 12000 is required under "12—Excise-refunds". I request that this may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

5. "20—A—Law and Justice"

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Revenue):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 182—3—0 under "20—A—Law and Justice".

Consequent on the apointment of a Government Pleader, High Court, an additional supply of a set of Cochin Acts and Proclamations and Law Reports has to be made. The expenditure was not foreseen and as such no provision could be made in the current year's budget. No reappropriation is possible as no savings can be anticipated this year. An additional allotment of Rs. 182—3—0 is therefore necessary under the head "20—A—Law and Justice". I request that the amount may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

(6) "20—A—Law and Justice—Miscellaneous"

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Revenue):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 204 under "20—A—Law and Justice—Miscellaneous". A Phone connection has been sanctioned to the Advocate-General's Office. As this is a new item sanctioned only in the beginning of 1123 provision could not be included in the current year's budget. An additional allotment of Rs. 204 is therefore necessary under "20—A—Law and Justice—Miscellaneous". I request that this may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

(7) "7-Excise—Refund (Cranganur)"

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Revenue):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 100 under "7-Excise—Refunds (Cranganur)".

There is only an allotment of Rs. 100 in the Cranganur Budget under "7—Excise-refunds". A claim for refund of Rs. 162—8—0 being the differential cost of arrack remitted by the Cranganur Depot Keeper has been received. The sanctioned allotment will not be sufficient to pay the refund. An additional allotment of Rs. 100 is therefore necessary under "7—Excise—refunds" to satisfy the present claim and also any other item of refund that may crop up during this year. I request that the same may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

(8) "5—B—Village Panchayats"

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 39,000 under "5—B—Village Panchayats".

Owing to the continued draught the Mundakan crop is being badly affected and there are requests from all over the State for supply of pump to irrigate those fields. The Director of Panchayats has therefore proposed to purchase 6 diesel pump and the accessories. The cost of each pump will come to Rs. 6000. The accessories for each will cost to Rs. 500. The provisions in the panchayat budget are ear-marked for specific purposes and no savings are perceptible

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